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# California State Senate

### ABEL MALDONADO

FIFTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT

February 9, 2007

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Suite 1300 Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for disbursement of up to \$75,000 to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County for the preparation of a watershed enhancement plan for the Santa Rosa Creek Watershed in northern San Luis Obispo County. While Santa Rosa Creek is considered to be the County's premier steelhead fishery, it is one of the few watersheds in the region that has not benefited from a watershed enhancement plan.

I understand that while many agencies and organizations are currently working to enhance the watershed's ecosystem, these activities will benefit from a coordinated plan that reduces the potential for duplicative efforts while assisting multiple agencies and organizations to address priority concerns in the watershed. The plan will identify and describe specific high priority properties for acquisition or restoration. In addition to identifying enhancement projects that address erosion control, fish passage, and in-stream habitat improvement, the plan will also describe areas where other conservation methods, such as the acquisition of water rights, could be pursued to enhance steelhead habitat.

Given its long-term commitment to restoration, and its historic role in coordinating the efforts of landowners, agencies, and nonprofits, the Land Conservancy is an ideal organization to undertake this planning effort.

I urge you to give every possible consideration to supporting this request for funding this important project. If I can provide any additional information to assist you in your decision, please let me know.

ABEL MALDONADO Senator, 15<sup>th</sup> District Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

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SAM BLAKESLEE ASSEMBLYMEMBER THIRTY THIRD DISTRICT

February 14, 2007

Doug Bosco, Chair State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Suite 1300 Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for a proposal by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County to prepare the Santa Rosa Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Enhancement Plan for the Santa Rosa Creek Watershed to be prepared by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County.

Conservation and restoration planning within the Santa Rosa Creek Watershed is a high priority. Many watersheds within the Central Coast region benefit from a watershed plan that guides restoration organizations and local agencies in prioritizing efforts. Santa Rosa Creek does not yet have an enhancement plan in place. As a premier steelhead stream and the local fresh water source for citizens of Cambria and local agricultural production it is worthy of having a document to guide local decision-making and identifying needs within the watershed.

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County has been a prominent local non-profit and leader in restoration, community involvement, and landscape planning in San Luis Obispo County for a long time. I think that they are an organization that is well qualified to guide the planning process.

Thank you for considering my support. I look forward to seeing this project funded and developed.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee, 33rd District

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

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February 1, 2007

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Suite 1300 Oakland, CA 94612 OF SIPERIOR OF THE STATE OF THE

BRUCE GIBSON SUPERVISOR DISTRICT TWO

Subject: Support for Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County's development of the Santa Rosa Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to support the proposed State Coastal Conservancy grant to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County for development of an Enhancement Plan for the Santa Rosa Creek Watershed.

I believe that conservation and restoration planning within the Santa Rosa Creek Watershed is a high priority for my District. The overall health of that watershed directly affects valuable habitat and water resources. A comprehensive plan will be invaluable to local government, landowners, and local conservation organizations in planning and prioritizing projects that will benefit the stream and surrounding ecosystem. The plan and associated public meetings will coordinate restoration efforts and will identify opportunities for land acquisition and conservation easements.

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County has been a leader in planning, protection, and restoration in San Luis Obispo County watersheds for over twelve years, and I believe that they are an organization that is exceptionally well qualified to complete the plan.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,
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Bruce Gibson

District 2 Supervisor, San Luis Obispo County

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#### CAMBRIA COMMUNITY



### SERVICES DISTRICT

February 23, 2007

DIRECTORS:

Doug Bosco, Chair

Ilan Funke-Bilu President State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Suite 1300

Oakland CA 94612

Joan Cobin Vice President

Regarding: Support for Development of Santa Rosa Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan

by Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County

Director

Gregory Sanders

Director

Peter Chaldecott

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Donald Villeneuve

Our agency is strongly supportive of habitat enhancement efforts in the Santa Rosa Creek Watershed. We believe a coordinated plan that addresses erosion, fish passage, streambank restoration, improvement of the overall habitat, and determines priority projects will be of great benefit in improving this crucial ecosystem.

OFFICERS:

Tammy Rudock General Manager

Arther R. Montandon District Counsel

Kathy Choate District Clerk In 2005, the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) completed a streambank restoration and trail project on the west side of Santa Rosa Creek on the West Ranch with State Parks Proposition 40 funds. The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo successfully managed this project for the CCSD and we believe they are uniquely qualified to develop a watershed plan for Santa Rosa Creek.

This project is extremely beneficial to the community of Cambria and the County of San Luis Obispo. We greatly appreciate your funding consideration.

Sincerely,

General Manager

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